

Some time this fall (the exact date has not been set, but it will probably be in September) there is

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to be held a meeting of the Presidents and Secretaries of County Medical Societies with the officers of the State Society.

The date and place will be announced later. This meeting is for the purpose of bringing together those who are closely in touch with organization work all over the state, to the end that we may come to a better understanding of conditions in the various counties, and study how to increase and improve the body upon which all medical organization is founded—the County Medical Society. With the numerous undertakings that are pressing upon us as medical men—state sanitation, preventive medicine, the education of the public, the nostrum fight, proper conception of sanitary legislation, etc.—it becomes imperative that we more closely weld the units of our profession into a solid instrument for the good of the people in our charge. We therefore ask every officer of every County Medical Society to take this matter to heart *now*, remember that the meeting is to be held, and endeavor so to arrange his affairs that he will not be prevented from attending. It will be one of the most important medical meetings ever held in this state, and it should be fully attended. Do not let any trivial thing keep you away, but come even if at the expense of some time and money. Those County Medical Societies that can afford it should pay the expenses of their officers. Remember that our organization stands for betterment; for educating the public in the matter of proper support of our profession, to the end that the people may be the better served and by medical men who are able to keep abreast of medical progress—which they can not do if insufficiently supported. Everything that makes for better physicians, better supported physicians, is by that much a direct benefit to the public. Keep this meeting in mind and do not fail to attend it.

One of the very valuable departments of the *Journal A. M. A.* is that of Therapeutics. Often

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we feel keen regret that lack of space prevents us from reprinting the articles in this department in their entirety—anything else would be unsatisfactory. The conditions governing therapeutic requirements are so clearly and concisely—so sanely—put, that they must be of value to every reader. And not the least valuable feature of this most excellent work is the fact that no prescription is given that can not be easily compounded by any competent pharmacist. It is refreshing to see something of the old-time common sense use of drugs, rather than this twentieth century haste to make use of the last thing mentioned by the last drummer who came into the office with his routine,

learned-by-heart-from-the-manufacturer song about the wonderful and utterly impossible things which his stuff will do. Painstaking, faithful and accurate work is back of these articles, and the author is indeed to be congratulated upon them. May we hope that the *Journal A. M. A.* will, in due course of time, reproduce these contributions in book form so that they may be placed in the hands of physicians at a moderate cost?

Once more has the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association gone on record as

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unanimously endorsing the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry and as asking the official journals of state medical organizations to refuse advertising space to preparations not approved by the Council. This is a perfectly natural and reasonable request. The Association as a whole may well request its component parts to do individually no less than their own representatives do collectively when assembled and acting for them. Why should these representatives be made to suffer the humility of seeing their respective state organizations act in a manner contrary to the policy which they have all (and unanimously) endorsed collectively? Why, for instance, should the large and influential delegation from the great Empire state be compelled to suffer the indignity of seeing the journal of their State Society publish, simply because of the few dirty dollars, the advertisements of preparations whose fraudulent character has been exposed by the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry in the pages of the *Journal A. M. A.*? It seems, to put it very mildly, most inconsistent. If a thing is right it is right, and just as right today as it will be one year from now—or ten. The Council has unmasked the lies of certain manufacturers and the House of Delegates has said that it is not right to continue to promote the use of such things or to advertise them to self-respecting medical men. Then why should supposedly self-respecting medical men, collectively representing a state medical organization, continue to secure tribute from such unmasked frauds? It certainly seems queer. And the Associated Physicians of Long Island are in this same queer fix; apparently they would rather have some few dollars derived from fraud than retain their self-respect. We do not mention New York and Long Island because they are the only offenders; there are others. These are referred to because they are the biggest offenders and there seems the least reason for their doing these things. Surely the New York State Medical Society is large enough and rich enough to worry along without the comparatively small sum which it derives from fraud through the pages of its official journal. And are the Associated Physicians of Long Island so nearly approaching objects of charity that they must also needs participate in this form of despicable graft? It is indeed a sad spectacle. Perhaps they will in time appreciate their peculiarly anomalous position, and reform. Let us continue to hope.